

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Revenue Department - Allegation of corruption against Sri Settipalli Srinivasa Rao, S/o. Sri Janaiah, Village Revenue Officer, Arikayalapadu Village, Enkoor Mandal, Khammam District - Trapped by the Anti-Corruption Bureau Officials on 30-03-2009 - Sanction of Prosecution - Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-VII) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 93

Dated:01-02-2010.

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ORDER:

Whereas, Sri Settipalli Srinivasa Rao, S/o. Sri Janaiah, worked as Village Revenue Officer, Arikayalapadu Village, Enkoor Mandal, Khammam District from 08-02-2007 to 30-03-2009 and as such, he is a public servant within the meaning of clause(c) of section 2 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988);

2. And whereas, Sri Chetula Venkateswarlu, S/o. Sri Kanakaiah, Occupation: Agriculture, resident of Arikayalapadu Village, Enkoor Mandal, Khammam District is the complainant in this case. On 14-03-2009, his sister Smt.Merigala Subhadra, resident of V.Venkatayapalem Village, Khammam Urban Mandal had purchased agricultural land to an extent of 2.00 Acres in Survey No.97 situated at Arikayalapadu Village, Enkoor Mandal, Khammam District belonging to Sri Rella Subbaiah, resident of Arikayalapadu Village for a consideration of Rs.2,18,000/- and paid the amount through a registered sale deed. Later, his sister Smt.Merigala Subhadra asked him to get the 2.00 Acres agriculture land to mutate in her name in possessor column of Pahani as Sri C.Venkateswarlu is resident of Arikayalapadu Village. Then Sri C.Venkateswarlu submitted an application to Sri S.Srinivasa Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Arikayalapadu Village requesting the purchased 2.00 Acres agriculture land in Sy.No.97 of Arikayalapadu Village by his sister Smt.Merigela Subhadra to enter in possessor column of Pahani in the name of his sister and requested for issue of copy of Pahani. For which, Sri S.Srinivasa Rao, Village Revenue Officer demanded an amount of Rs.2,500/- as bribe to enter the name of his sister in possessor column of Pahani. On 27-03-2009, when Sri S.Srinivasa Rao, Village Revenue Officer went to the village, Sri C.Venkateswarlu asked the Village Revenue Officer whether the name of his sister has been entered in possessor column of Pahani. On that, the Village Revenue Officer Sri S.Srinivasa Rao reiterated his earlier demanded bribe amount of Rs.2,500/- otherwise the work would not be done. As Sri C.Venkateswarlu has no other go, he accepting the demand of Village Revenue Officer and the demanded bribe amount of Rs.2,500/- will be paid within two or three days. Sri C.Venkateswarlu informed his sister Smt.Merigela Subhadra that the Village Revenue Officer

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demanded an amount of Rs.2,500/- as bribe to enter her name in possessor column of Pahani. But Sri C.Venkateswarlu was not willing to pay the bribe amount to the Village Revenue Officer and informed his sister that he would lodge a complaint against the Village Revenue Officer. Upon which, the sister of Sri C.Venkateswarlu accepted his decision, as Sri C. Venkateswarlu was not willing to pay the demanded bribe amount of Rs.2,500/- to Sri S.Srinivasa Rao, Village Revenue Officer. As such, he lodged a written complaint to the Inspector, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Warangal, in-charge, Khammam with a request to take necessary legal action against Sri S.Srinivasa Rao. Consequent upon, a case in Crime No.3/ACB-WKH/2009 was registered against Sri S.Srinivasa Rao, Village Revenue Officer on 30-03-2009 at 05:30 A.M., under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988), and investigated into;

3. And whereas, during the course of investigation, on 30-03-2009, after following the due procedure stipulated for the trap, all the trap party members including Sri C.Venkateswarlu proceeded to the house of Sri S.Srinivasa Rao, situated in Enkoor Village, Khammam District. Sri C.Venkateswarlu proceeded to the house bearing No.3-135, Check-post Bazaar, Enkoor Village & Mandal, Khammam District, on foot and found Sri S.Srinivasa Rao in front room sitting in a plastic chair wearing with lungi. On seeing, Sri S.Srinivasa Rao enquired Sri C.Venkateswarlu, whether he has brought the demanded bribe amount of Rs.2,500/- or not, on his affirmative reply Sri S.Srinivasa Rao asked him to pay the amount. Then Sri C.Venkateswarlu took out the tainted amount from his left side shirt front pocket and offered the same. Sri S.Srinivasa Rao, Village Revenue Officer accepted the bribe amount of Rs.2,500/- with his right hand and counted with both hands. While Sri S.Srinivasa Rao, Village Revenue Officer was counting the amount, Sri C.Venkateswarlu, Complainant came out of the house and gave pre-arranged signal, to the waiting trap-party by wiping his face with hand. In pursuance of signal, all the trap-party members rushed into the house through main gate and found Sri S.Srinivasa Rao, Village Revenue Officer in the front room. Then, the Deputy Superintendent of Police got the water fetched in glass tumblers and conducted scientific test on the hand fingers of Sri S.Srinivasa Rao, Village Revenue Officer. When, Sri S.Srinivasa Rao, Village Revenue Officer rinsed his both hand fingers into the solution separately, the colorless solution of two glass tumblers turned into pink color. Thereupon, Sri S.Srinivasa Rao produced the tainted amount from the shelf rock (wall) in second room of the house, which was kept under news paper and produced before the mediators, who verified the currency notes with the notes noted down in the pre-trap proceedings and the same was found tallied on verification. The contact portion, where the tainted amount was kept and also subjected to Sodium Carbonate test, which also proved positive. The Deputy Superintendent of Police seized the tainted amount, relevant documentary evidence, etc., for the purpose of investigation;

4. And whereas, the aforesaid acts of the said Sri Settipalli Srinivasa Rao, S/o. Sri Janaiah, Village Revenue Officer, Arikayalapadu Village, Enkoor

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Mandal, Khammam District constitute offences punishable under section 7 and sub-section (2) of section 13 read-with clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988);

5. And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove the said Sri Settipalli Srinivasa Rao, S/o. Sri Janaiah, Village Revenue Officer, Arikayalapadu Village, Enkoor Mandal, Khammam District from Government service, after fully and carefully examining the material i.e., copy of the First Information Report, copies of the Mediator's Reports-I & II, Final Report, etc., placed before them in respect of the aforesaid allegations and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case consider that the said Sri Settipalli Srinivasa Rao, S/o. Sri Janaiah, Village Revenue Officer, Arikayalapadu Village, Enkoor Mandal, Khammam District should be prosecuted, in a Court of law, for the above said offences;

6. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of the said Sri Settipalli Srinivasa Rao, S/o. Sri Janaiah, Village Revenue Officer, Arikayalapadu Village, Enkoor Mandal, Khammam District for the above said offences punishable under sections 7, 13(2) read-with section 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988) and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of law, for the time being in force, in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences, by a Court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASUTOSH MISHRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General,
Anti-Corruption Bureau,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

// FORWARDED ::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER